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Local Pugilistic Notes.

James Janney, known in the fight arena as the Black Thunderbolt, is getting in fine condition for his twenty-round bout with Chris Johnston, of Baltimore, on next Thursday evening. The match will take place at the Bluffs restaurant, under the auspices of the East Washington Athletic club. These men are well matched and the local sports anticipate a clever battle.

Pat Radey is keeping in his excellent condition to meet Hie Perckman on April 23 at the Suburban roadhouse. There is intense rivalry between these two men and Radey feels extremely anxious to maintain his local reputation. The forfeit money has been posted and a meeting is certain, according to Matchmaker James La Fontaine.

There will be a boxing match this afternoon at the Suburban roadhouse, between the hours of 3 and 5, between "Spiller" Kelley and an unknown. The match has been arranged so that the parties can go and come on the steam cars. More interesting centers in the go, because of "Spiller's" aggressive disposition to meet men of his weight. The match has been kept quiet and it will be more of an invitation affair than a general fight encounter.

The Animals' Convention.

The elephant, the camel, the horse, the mule and the sledge dog held a convention to consider how they should free themselves from man.

"He has profited me with sharp heels since the days of my father the mastodon," said the elephant.

"I have been his slave since he was turned about out of an ancient garden," said the horse.

"It is no use to kick against him," said the mule. "What we have to do is to invent a contrivance which will release us."

The camel said nothing but "Ount" and the sledge dog opened his mouth with a low howl. So they put their wits together and invented a machine which would release them of servitude to man.

The camel put in his mind; the sledge dog, his swift legs; the mule his utmost stubbornness and his ability at flinging people over his head; the elephant added that sulky and treacherous disposition which no man can fathom; and the horse crowned all by giving it his desire to run away.

"Now what shall we call it?" said the organizers.

"Let men name it himself," suggested the one with the oldest memory. "He likes to name things."

Man, indeed, readily found a name for it. He called the new machine the bicycle—Chicago Post.

RACES AT BENNING TODAY

Close Finishes Promised in a Well-Filled Card.

FEDERAL STAKE WILL BE RUN

Maryland State Veterinarian Gives the Track a Clean Bill of Health. How Visiting Sports Spent Sunday—Track will be Fast Today. Comment on Cherry Picker's Win.

The second day of the meeting at Benning promises to be everything that could be desired, so far as weather and good sport are concerned. The track has dried out and will be fast by post time today.

The entries for today promise exciting finishes, and fields large enough to keep the bettors guessing, without crowding the contending thoroughbreds on the track.

The stake feature is the Federal, for three-year-olds, at six and a half furlongs. The purse is \$800, the winner to be sold at auction. This is the third race on the card, and of the ten originally entered, eight are carried to start. It should prove very interesting, as Junk and Prompt, winners on Saturday, and Dr. Jim and Billah, who both were heavily played the first day, but were unfortunate in getting away from the post, will meet. H. Diddy, who performed well at the autumn meeting, is also a starter. He is reported to have done fast work in his trials, and will probably rate favorite in the betting.

The first race today is for non-winners of \$1,000, at five and a half furlongs. If W. C. Dair elects to start Prompt in this race instead of the Federal Stakes, he will have to take up a penalty of five pounds for his victory in the first race of the meeting.

Tenderness should be in the first fight as her race on Saturday was a good one. For the second it is hard to predict with much confidence. It is probable that the untired two-year-olds entered are not the pick of their stables, which would make the chances of Percy F. look very good. He was twice a winner at the New Orleans track.

The fourth race, a selling affair at six furlongs, has the largest field of the day. Walton, who makes his first start, should do well, and Lambert's and Ruster's performance last week entitled them to consideration. The track has only four starters. Father Bill's Arabian looks very good. Counselor Howe is in fine shape, but he is conceding the others a lot of weight.

The club made a good move when it faced starting time for the first race at 3:15. This enables nearly everyone who wants to see the sport to get out to the track in time for the first event. On Saturday the program was carried out with smoothness and dispatch, the last race being over in time to land everybody in town by 6 o'clock.

The totally unimpaired report that dissembler had appeared at Benning, which got about last week, was effectively put to rest by the official inspection of Dr. Clement, State veterinarian of Maryland. At Mr. Howard's request, Dr. Clement visited every stable on the track, and found the condition of each horse. Only two were found ailing at all, and they had slight colds. There was some dissembler at Benning last fall, and it was well put an end to these rumors at once.

Entries for Today.

First race—Five and one-half furlongs; three-year-olds and upward. Purse, \$300.
Ind. Horse. Wt. Ind. Horse. Wt.
—Arday.....106 1/2 Tenderness.....104
—Sweet Avon.....89 —M. Alphonse.....94
—Bolt.....91 (1) Prompt.....99
—Hawarden.....117 1/2 Maud Adams.....94

Second race—One-half mile; selling. Two-year-olds. Purse, \$300.
Ind. Horse. Wt. Ind. Horse. Wt.
—Dog Town.....101 —Eileen D.....90
—Brown Jack.....101 —Previous.....107
—Gulper.....98 —Tortenson.....101
—Wild Duck.....101 —Warship.....98
—Percy F.....104

Third race—Six and a half furlongs; selling. Federal Stakes, for three-year-olds. Purse, \$800.
Ind. Horse. Wt. Ind. Horse. Wt.
—Miss Lavinia.....69 (4) Junk.....100
—Squad.....103 1/2 Dr. Jim.....100
—Attalus.....101 —Hi Daddy.....105
—Billah.....113 (1) Prompt.....97

Fourth race—Six furlongs; for three-year-olds and upward; selling. Purse, \$300.
Ind. Horse. Wt. Ind. Horse. Wt.
—2 Louie.....98 1/2 Ruster.....86
—Old Sanguis.....106 1/2 Lambert.....98
—Marsden.....100 —Hilton.....108
—Londal.....108 —Herown.....85
—2 Albert.....105 —Waltzer.....105
—Will Elliott.....102

Fifth race—One mile; for three-year-olds and upward; selling. Purse, \$300.
Ind. Horse. Wt. Ind. Horse. Wt.
—Parmanan.....100 —Arabian.....100
—Buddha.....100 —Ch's'll Howlin.....119
—Superior allowance of five pounds claimed.

Times Tips.

First race—Tenderness to win; Hawarden second.

Second race—Percy F. to win; Previous second.

Third race—Hi Daddy to win; Junk second.

Fourth race—Hilton to win; Lambert second.

Fifth race—Arabian to win; Palmerston second.

With the Sports.

Wally Keyes came in yesterday.

Pittsburg Phil will arrive on Wednesday.

Killy Grannan is expected to be on hand today.

A big crowd of the visiting sports went up to Cabin John's yesterday and spent a lively afternoon.

Bob Aiken and Tom Woodford contributed to the Easter Sunday beauty parade on Connecticut avenue.

All the bookies report business very brisk on Saturday. Though the play was largely unprofessional, every book is said to have lost on the day.

A NEW CYCLING CLUB FORMED.

It includes Some of the Best Known Wheelmen of the City.

A new cycling organization was formed last week, which includes in its membership some of the best known wheelmen of the city. The meeting for organization was held at No. 513 Ninth street, and fourteen names were enrolled as charter members.

The officers elected were: President, George S. Ball; vice president, E. H. Kauffman; secretary and treasurer, P. C. Jones; captain, George R. Bunney; first lieutenant, Bayard T. Wrenn.

MUST HIT THE BALL TO WIN

The Senators Will Have to Bat at Full Speed.

THE CLUB OFF FOR RICHMOND

The Local Leaguers Will Play Two Games in the Virginia Capital. President McKinley's Chat—Al Maul Has Signed a Season's Contract at Satisfactory Terms.

Thursday of this week will mark the formal opening of the 1897 season of the twelve teams organized and controlled by the National League and American Association of Baseball Clubs.

As a "curtain-raiser" to the main event, Philadelphia and Boston will play in the latter city this afternoon. This game precedes the regular opening on the 22d by reason of the date being an established holiday in the Massachusetts metropolis, and is celebrated in honor of the anniversary of the Revolutionary battle of Lexington in 1775.

The other clubs will open next Thursday as follows: New York in Philadelphia; Boston in Baltimore; Cleveland in Louisville; Chicago in Cincinnati; Pittsburgh in St. Louis; and Washington will play Brooklyn at National Park.

The opening series, between the Senators and Billy Hamme's "Trolley Dodgers," will be of great interest. They tied in the percentage last season for main place, each team having an accounting of 443 to their credit, though the Washingtons were clearly entitled to the position, as they won eight games from Brooklyn to the latter club's four from them.

Spalding's guide, the recognized authority, gives the Senators position above Brooklyn in the championship table, by reason of their excess of victories in the games played.

The Brooklyn, however, have been reorganized and straightened out, and free from the cliques and family troubles that beset and clogged their progress last year, they should be able to give any club in the League a close argument. The relative merits of both teams will be put to the test in the series commencing next Thursday afternoon.

With the exception of Tommy Corcoran, Tom McCarthy, John Grim and Tom Day, Brooklyn's personnel will be the same as last season. In Corcoran's place will be found "Germany" Smith, the well-known shortstop, so long with Cincinnati, and Jimmy Canavan will cover second base instead of Tom Day, who has been transferred to Milwaukee. McCarthy and Grim are holding out for more money, and will hardly be seen in uniform in this city during the opening series.

Manager Barrie thinks he has a first division club, and when his talent is carefully considered, it must be admitted that he has a collection of players quite capable of holding their own in fast company.

The question paramount with the fans at present is "where will the home club finish?" The interrogation is propounded wherever a bunch of enthusiasts are gathered, and opinions range from sixth place to the tail-end. Certainly the Senators should climb a little higher up the ladder.

The team is better organized and better balanced than ever before. As a fielding aggregation their preliminary work stamps them as crackcracks. The pitching departments are well filled. In McGee and Farrell Manager Schmidt has the premier pair of backstops in the league, and excepting Robinson and Clarke, of Baltimore; Zimmer and O'Connor, of Cleveland; nor Peltz and Vaughan, of Cincinnati.

In the way of pitchers Washington never before started a season so well-equipped as this year. With Mercer, Maul and King, of the veteran corps, in fine condition, McGee no longer an experiment, and Norton, Swain, German, Ash and Kimble promising to do effective service, Mr. Wagner can afford to throw out his chest and say, "Let them come—we will show the other eleven a trick or two this season."

Now comes the weak point—batting. Hitting the ball safely and at the right time was games. The late Mike Kelley once said, "Give me a team of hitters and I will make the best club of fielders in the world play up errors." The good hitters speak a truer word.

Let a gang of sluggers commence pounding the leather and see how quick the gift-edge fielders take a balloon trip.

Without disparagement to the general excellence of the Senators, and in a spirit of criticism, it is stated that, as a whole, they are weak with the stick. If they would advance in the list they must hit at full steam from April to September.

That is, every man must bat to his utmost ability. A close follower of the game remarked Saturday that such clubs as Chicago, Baltimore and New York could afford a slump in batting occasionally on the part of several players and not suffer disastrous consequences, but that the light hitting teams would fall down hard should any one of their best batters have a bad week. This is true of Washington, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Brooklyn, St. Louis and Louisville.

Another thing is base running. With such a crowd of fleet-footed fellows as Capt. Brown, Billy Lush, Wm. Mercer, Ed. Cartwright and Charley Abbey, the Senators should steal bases and register runs on the part of several players and not suffer disastrous consequences, but that the light hitting teams would fall down hard should any one of their best batters have a bad week. This is true of Washington, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Brooklyn, St. Louis and Louisville.

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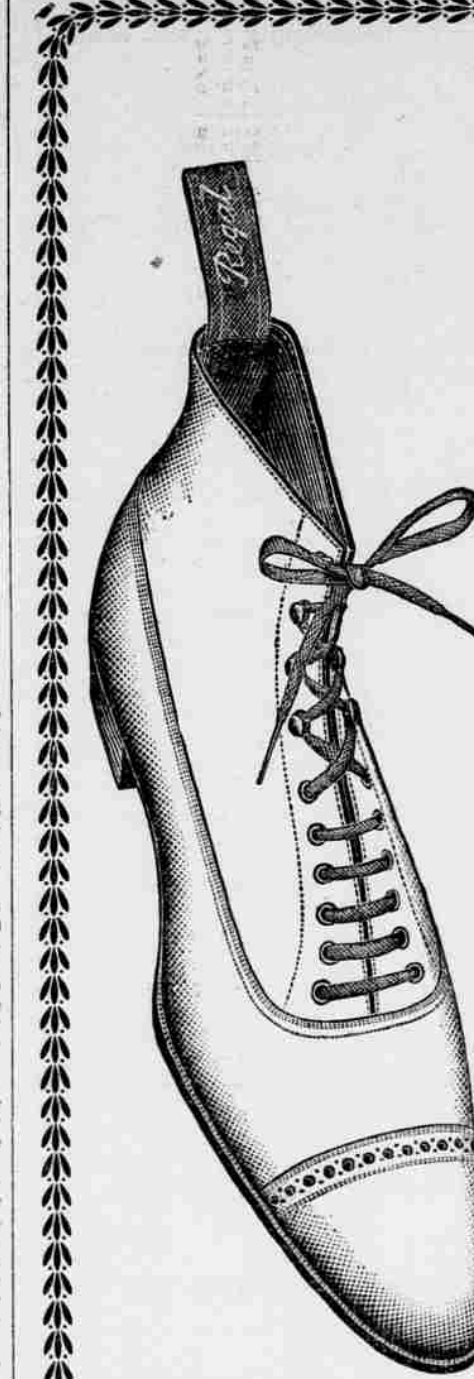
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MADE HIS LIFE THE STAKE.

Tragedy Followed a Lost Race by "Gold Bug."

San Francisco, April 18.—James Hunter, who has followed the turf many years, is supposed to have staked his life on Gold Bug, his favorite racer, who was defeated at the Oakland track on Thursday.

Hunter began his turf career at the Kehoe stock farm in Idaho, where he bought the colt Gold Bug. Hunter made the circuit in Idaho and Montana and went as far East as Chicago.

Two years ago he came to the coast with Jacob Krause and started Gold Bug in this circuit. For nearly eight years Gold Bug made a handsome living for these two men. Of late, however, the horse has become stale from overwork, and purses have been few and far between.

On Thursday last Henry Shields got the mount on Gold Bug, who was third at the start, second at the quarter, seventh at the half, sixth in the stretch and fifth at the finish. James Hunter anxiously watched the race, on which he had staked everything. When the race was over he pulled his hat over his eyes and remarked to his friend, Philip Sienkiewicz:

"I staked my life on that race and lost. A few drops will soon put an end to the whole business."

Taking a last look at Gold Bug, as the animal was being led to the stable, Hunter turned away from the racecourse and has not been seen since.

Future Champions.

The third team of Takoma Park defeated the Dupont Circles Saturday by the score of 15 to 7. The feature of the game was the fine work of Lauer behind the bat.

The batteries for the Takomas were G. Lay, H. Waters, and Lauer and Lincoln. The Takomas claim the championship of the District of teams under sixteen years of age, and would like to receive challenges from clubs of that age. The Eagles preferred. Address challenges to G. Lay, Takoma Park, D. C.

SPOKES FROM THE WHEEL.

There is a general tendency toward higher gears among the hard riders, together with an enlargement of the main sprocket wheel. Gears as high as 88 will be quite common even among the country riders.

To the average person Fred Schade looks to be in poor shape this year. He has commenced training, and it may be that good hard work will work off some of the avoidable pounds about the curly-haired rider's waistband.

International is undergoing some very material improvements, and by the opening of the season on Decoration day the track will be in prime condition. It is being resurfaced and banked in the most approved style.

Two riders who may surprise the cracks this season are Woody Clem and Ed Wilson. Both these boys were newcomers last year and barely had time to strike their proper form at the close of the season.

It is quite likely that the Georgetown College relay bicycle team will go to Princeton for the open games May 15. Capt. Schade wants the team to go, and as it undoubtedly is one of the fastest in the country, there is no reason why it should not uphold Georgetown's colors worthily.

There is much interest manifested in the five-mile race between Fred Sims and George Ball, which is to come off early this season in the professional ranks, and the race will determine which shall have the right to the championship that class. It is said by those who know most about the men, that Billie Sims is going to push his brother Fred for honors during the coming season. Billie is riding faster than ever before, and he expects to make this his premier season.

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